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Today's Commandment of the Road:
FOR DRIVERS:—Never "cut in" but always give room to pass. "Cutting in" may be safe with a good driver or dangerous with a bad one; but it is ALWAYS bad manners. It causes the opposing traffic to slow down when the right of road is theirs. When meeting or when being overtaken, always give the other man "his road" and give it promptly.
FOR PEDESTRIANS:—Where there is a pedestrian crossing, a foot bridge, or any other provision for your safety, make use of it. They are put there to help you, not to hinder you.

Plans To Demolish Jap. Memorial

PLANS HAVE BEEN ALMOST COMPLETED BY THE ROYAL ENGINEERS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE HALF-FINISHED JAPANESE WAR MEMORIAL ON TOP OF MOUNT CAMERON. BUT IN VIEW OF PRESSING DEMANDS FOR VITAL RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE COLONY IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THESE PLANS WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT FOR THE TIME BEING. THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNED YESTERDAY.

THE JOB OF RIDDING HONG KONG OF THIS EYE-SORE IS NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS, AND CRITICS WHO ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WOULD BE SIMPLE MATTER TO BLOW IT UP OR OVER MIGHT WELL RECONSIDER THEIR VIEWS ON MAKING A CLOSER STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE.

Apart from the massive foundation, the tower structure alone weighs well over 3,500 tons, and both it and its supports are of reinforced concrete. Furthermore, the tower itself is not just four walls enclosing a hollow space but is solid reinforced concrete except for a comparatively narrow tube running up the centre.

Admittedly, the simplest way of disposing of the structure would be to blow it up, but this would require an extremely large charge, and the effect of such an explosion on Wanchai and Victoria, to say nothing of the surrounding hill district, hardly requires imaginative description.

The "China Mail" understands that the plan worked out by the Royal Engineers will involve demolishing the tower over, and this again will involve a great deal of preliminary calculation and preparation to ensure that it falls into the place chosen for it with all the accuracy of a tree felled by a tomahawk lumberjack. This will be worked out most accurately by R.E. experts, but it must be emphasised that these preparations will take time—time which cannot be spared at the moment—and that even when work does start on the demolition of the memorial a considerable time will elapse in which apparently little or no activity on the site itself will be apparent to the layman's eye.

UNNECESSARILY COMPLEX
Experts who have examined the structure, and the huge sheet of plans drawn up by the Japanese architect, say that for some unknown reason the Japanese went to considerably more trouble building it than they need have, and that a similar memorial, equally long-lasting and strong, could have been erected with less trouble and labour.

Admittedly, the final result would have been quite striking though possibly not beautiful to Western eyes. Erected near the scene of some of the heaviest Japanese casualties during the last days of the Battle for Hong Kong in 1941, the tower, which was finished would have been nearly double its present height, was to have been surfaced with granite with huge bronze doors and a couple of mammoth flower pots at the top of a broad flight of steps leading to the base of the monument.

Not the system used to reinforce the tower and base, and to weld the whole into one structure, was needlessly complex, and the introduction of unnecessary additions and complications merely resulted in the wastage of a lot of time and of adding extra, though by no means insuperable, difficulties to the work of those who are to demolish it.

No indication can yet be given as to when the demolition work will commence, but the "China

Mail" understands that it will be lost as soon as the R.E.s can spare the time and labour which at present is fully taken up with constructive, as opposed to destructive, work in Hong Kong.

German Underground

Paris, March 14.
Military Security Services are not on the track of leaders of what is believed to be a vast international organisation for assisting German deserters from the front. The "China Mail" understands that the plan worked out by the Royal Engineers will involve demolishing the tower over, and this again will involve a great deal of preliminary calculation and preparation to ensure that it falls into the place chosen for it with all the accuracy of a tree felled by a tomahawk lumberjack. This will be worked out most accurately by R.E. experts, but it must be emphasised that these preparations will take time—time which cannot be spared at the moment—and that even when work does start on the demolition of the memorial a considerable time will elapse in which apparently little or no activity on the site itself will be apparent to the layman's eye.

World Government "Unworkable"

NEW YORK, MAR. 14.
SUMNER WELLES, FORMER UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, CRITICISED AS UNWORKABLE THE PLAN FOR A WORLD GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BY PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN AND, INSTEAD, PLACES UPON THE U.N.O. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE AND WORLD RECONSTRUCTION.

Welles, writing in the "Atlantic Monthly" magazine reviewed the famed scientist's proposals. These had been offered in the previous issue of the same publication as one means to govern control of atomic energy.

At the same time, Welles recognised the reality of atomic fear and termed as essential the need for international co-operation.

Einstein was quoted as proposing that in forming a world government the United States and Britain, which possessed atomic secrets, should permit Soviet Russia, which did not, to write the first draft of a world constitution. Smaller nations would join this government after the major powers had accepted the constitution.

Welles said the idea was impractical. He added he believed Russia would enter the world government only if its constitution provided for a world union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Further, in entering, Russia would demand protection of her own foreign and domestic policies.

ONLY WAY.
Similarly, said Welles, "it is fantastic to assume that either the American or the British people would be willing to join any world union which would inevitably abolish their cherished principles of individual liberty."

Welles asserted the only way the world government of Einstein (Continued on Page 5)

Japanese Criminals Executed

The first execution of war criminals in South East Asia Command took place on Wednesday at the Puda Jail, Kuala Lumpur, when Sergeant Yamamoto and Cpl. Hamada, both of the Japanese Imperial Army, were executed by hanging for atrocities against civilians in Malaya.

Yamamoto had been convicted by a British Military War Crimes Court of the murder of an Indian civilian after the Japanese surrender.

Hamada had been convicted for being responsible for the deaths, by bayonetting, of six trusted Chinese in a village in Kuala Lumpur.

Three more executions are to take place shortly. The condemned men are Lt. Nakamura, Capt. Komai, Mitsuo and Sergeant Major Jima.

Other war criminals also condemned to death are Major-Generals Fukui and Sato.

The total of war criminals to be brought to trial is expected to be over 500. So far there are three courts operating in Singapore and another is expected to be opened shortly. There is an itinerant court in the

HOLIDAYS IN SWITZERLAND

London, March 14.
Londoners besieged tourist agencies to-day in view of the ban on private visits to Switzerland being lifted as from April 1. Lieutenant-Colonel K. Rotoman, a director of the Swiss Hotel Club, told reporters "Next week we shall start taking bookings for a 16-day holiday costing £30."—*Reuter.*

IRAN PROTESTS

Soviets Move South-West

Premier Refuses To Comment

TEHRAN, MAR. 14.
STATING THAT HE HAD HEARD RUMOURS OF RUSSIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS TOWARD TEHRAN, IRAN PREMIER QAVAM ES-SULTAN SAID YESTERDAY HE HAD ALREADY PROTESTED TO GENERALISSIMO STALIN AGAINST THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SOVIET FORCES IN IRAN AND THAT HIS TOP PRIORITY PROBLEM WAS TO GET THEM WITHDRAWN.

THE PREMIER HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A 16-DAY VISIT TO MOSCOW. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL REPORT REGARDING SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS, AND HE "MUST MAKE FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS."

Highly reliable advisers, meanwhile, said that Soviet troops are moving south-westward across northern Iran in the general direction of the Turkish and Iraqi borders and that the Russians had moved tanks and armoured cars into Karaj, 20 miles from Teheran, reinforcing their position there. It was also reported from Azerbaijan province that a new Russian cavalry column passed through the border town of Astara on the Caspian Sea and fanned out through the country while combat troops with full equipment have been sent to the towns of Minch, Maragheh and Miyandab near the borders of Turkey and Iran.

WILL TAKE STEPS
The Iranian Premier declined to say whether he would ask the United Nations Security Council to reopen the Iranian case at its New York meeting on March 25. He said he merely would "take such steps as my responsibility demands."

The Premier is de facto dictator of Iran since Parliament adjourned yesterday without extending its life largely because left-wing demonstrators had prevented deputies from obtaining a quorum. Iranian law prohibits the election of a new Parliament while foreign troops are on Iranian soil.

Quavam said that he considered his main task was the evacuation of Russian troops from Iran "as soon as possible in order that general elections may be held."

"After the evacuation," he continued, "I intend to begin great social reforms which the Government has planned everywhere, especially in Azerbaijan."

FIRM STAND
He said he took a firm stand against "certain concessions" which the Soviet Government expected the Iranian Government to make in their favour and that Russia in turn took a firm stand against his demands for the immediate evacuation of Iran.

Asked if any formal agreements were signed by the two countries, Quavam replied no.

The Premier said that no negotiations are at present in progress with Russia but mentioned that a new Russian Ambassador was expected in Teheran in a few days.

"Friendly" diplomatic relations between our two countries certainly will continue," he declared.—*Associated Press.*

SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

London, March 14.
Reuters diplomatic correspondent says there are two different schools of thought in Britain regarding the Russo-Iranian issue.

Firstly, that Qavam es-Sultaneh, confronted with excessive Soviet economic and political demands upon his country during his recent visit to Moscow, firmly rejected them, despite his known desire to place Soviet-Iranian relations on a cordial basis, and returned to Teheran a disappointed man.

Secondly, that he is, in fact, ready to meet all Soviet demands and merely postponed signing an agreement with the Soviet Government until the Iranian Parliament meets in which his Government has the smallest of majorities.

If the second theory proves correct, it is believed that before the Security Council meets in New York on March 25 Moscow and Teheran may both announce that an agreement has been reached and that Iran has approved the presence of Soviet troops.

Some such move has always been regarded here as a strong possibility ever since it was decided at the last session of the Security Council to refer the issues in the dispute for direct negotiations between Moscow and the pro-Soviet Qavam Government. Speculation has been aroused here by the postponement of the Security Council meeting from March 21 to March 25.—*Reuter.*

Attlee Won't Commit Himself

London, March 14.
British Prime Minister Clement Attlee declared in the House of Commons to-day: "I am ready to adopt any means likely to improve relations between great powers but I cannot commit myself any further at present."

He was replying to Arthur Lewis, Labour Member, who had asked that, in view of the need for improving relationship between the "Big Three" powers, would be taken the initiative in suggesting a further meeting of their leaders, bearing in mind the successes obtained in the past at such meetings.

Mr. Attlee further asked if he would review his answer in view of reports in the press today that the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, had supported point in his (Attlee's) question.

Mr. Attlee replied that he was afraid he had not seen the press reports.

Mr. Michael Foot, Labour, asked Mr. Attlee if he would bear in mind that part of the human misery with which Europe was now afflicted dated from the decisions taken at Potsdam, Teheran and Yalta.

Mr. R. Chamberlain, Labour,

Malaya Command and a court is due to open at Rangoon this month. Another court is planned for Hong Kong and some of the staff are already on their way there.

Japanese servicemen shortly to be tried as war criminals include Vice-Admiral Hara and Lt.-Col. Sumida who with 22 other Kempeitai men are accused of the Singapore Double Tenth atrocity in 1943.

Vice-Admiral Hara will face charges of atrocities in the Adman Island involving the deaths of 132 civilians and on the charge of depositing 400 civilians to Havelock Island thereby causing the deaths of 387 of them.

U.S. In Ascendancy

London, Mar. 14.
Russian economist Vargen, heard on Moscow Radio, said the United States and Britain are entering a stage of crucial competition "for a greater share of the world markets." Vargen further said that the United States was in ascendancy.

He described the relationship between the two countries as "decisive contradictions in the Capitalist world" and declared that Britain had lost "up to a third of her national wealth" in war and had become a debtor nation, obliged to grant concessions to the United States to obtain loans.—*Associated Press.*

Indonesia Talks Open In Batavia

BATAVIA, MAR. 14.
DUTCH AND INDONESIAN LEADERS TO-DAY OPENED FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DEMANDS WITH AN HOUR-LONG MEETING. ONE REPORT SAID THE UNRECOGNISED INDONESIAN REPUBLIC HAD DECIDED TO REJECT THE DUTCH PROPOSALS FOR COMMONWEALTH STATUS.

A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE INDONESIAN PREMIER SUTAN Sjahrir AND ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL HUBERTUS VAN MOOK, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR, SPECIAL BRITISH ENVOY.

Another session will be held within the next few days, the communique added.

The Aneka Jawa agency quoted a Republican spokesman as saying that Sjahrir's Cabinet had found the Dutch offer unacceptable and would make counter proposals. Extreme

More Japanese Caught

Manila, March 14.
Ten Japanese soldiers and a Japanese pilot were captured on the tiny island of Kumak Shima, 50 miles off Okinawa, after the Head Navy there had sent word to the American commander that the visitors were abusing hospitality by "stealing our food and raping our women."

A patrol left Okinawa in a landing craft and rounded up the prisoners in the woods. They were unarmed.

One of the prisoners committed hara kiri.—*Reuter.*

Byrnes Reports To President

WASHINGTON, MAR. 14.
PRESIDENT TRUMAN YESTERDAY RECEIVED A REPORT ON CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FROM SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES BYRNES, PRESUMABLY CENTRING AROUND RUSSIA'S MOVEMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS INTO IRAN. ALSO EVIDENTLY BEARING ON THIS SITUATION WERE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

Mr. Bevin Wants An Answer

London, March 14.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is reported to have instructed British Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, Frank Roberts, to tell the Kremlin that the British Government "insists" on an immediate explanation concerning the Iran movements and the continued presence of Soviet troops there. British and United States officials are understood to be in consultation in London on the new development.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that there had been no direct contacts as yet between President Truman and Mr. Attlee on the Iranian situation, nor is there any official suggestion that events there might precipitate an early Big Three meeting.—*Associated Press.*

CUSTOMS NOTICE

A Chinese Customs notification says, with reference to Customs Notification No. 1094a: notifying, inter alia, that the Kowloon Customs Station was re-opened at Chekwan on Feb. 19, 1946; that, as from March 29, 1946, the Kowloon Customs Station will be removed from Chekwan to Talsihan Island and that as from that date all vessels listed in the above mentioned notification will be required to report to the Kowloon Customs Talsihan Station at Talsihan Island.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Cloudy with local drizzle, fair periods. Later:—Light moderate easterly winds. Tomorrow's:—Temperature:—Maximum—48 degrees at 1 p.m. Minimum—61 degrees at 8 a.m.

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INDONESIA

The announcement that British and Indian troops are to be withdrawn as rapidly as possible from Indonesia and that the movement is to start almost immediately is most welcome. The sooner that our men are out of the country the better. Most lives have been lost in the last few days and the progress of the negotiations between the Nationalist leaders and the Dutch is not particularly encouraging, though it is too early to forecast the final outcome. Dutch troops are being landed in large numbers to handle the extremists, and though this appears to be the immediate cause of the latest flare-up, it does not alter the fact that British intervention could not be continued indefinitely. It has done Britain's reputation no good in India or among the Asian peoples generally, and there has been a tendency to sharp criticism in the United States, as well as throughout Europe where Soviet propaganda penetrates. The attacks, especially those from the United States, have been hard to bear because it was only sheer chance that British troops were sent into Java and not American, and no observer on the spot has been able to suggest that the British forces have not acted throughout with extreme restraint. In the same circumstances, any force ordered to occupy Java to deal with the Japanese there would have been compelled to act in the same way, a thing which the moralists have conveniently overlooked. No action has been omitted that could contribute to bring the Dutch authorities and the Sjahrir Government together in search of a mutually satisfactory agreement. Nothing has transpired in fact, which calls for any British apology. It has been a deplorable business in many ways, but no accusation can be truly laid that it has not been our aim throughout to act with humanity and with scrupulous political fairness. Dr. Sjahrir's charge of a breach of faith in facilitating the landing of Dutch forces does not hold water. No undertaking on the point was or could be given. It is, moreover, a point of relatively small importance. Mr. van Mook is available, aided by Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, for negotiations on the future political status of Indonesia and it is impossible to doubt the goodwill of the Netherlands Government. The terms offered to Dr. Sjahrir are not completely satisfactory. The promise to enable the Indonesians to shape their own political destiny does not embrace, yet, recognition of the Sjahrir Government, and the chance of independence is left to some unspecified date. There is so much that is nebulous in its undertakings that Indonesian criticism is readily understood. But these are issues that can be ironed out in negotiations. Dr. Sjahrir claims a mandate to act for the majority of the Indonesians, and it is time he settled down seriously to his task.

JESUITS ARRIVE

Three members of the Wah Yan College staff Fr. T. Sheridan S.J., Fr. J. Garland S.J., and Fr. J. Howatson S.J. were amongst the group of Jesuit Fathers who arrived last week. They are looking forward to seeing many of their former pupils at the General Meeting of Past Students to be held at 7 p.m. this evening on the top floor of the Whiteway Building.

AIR-MAIL BY C.N.A.C.

The air-mail time table for China by C.N.A.C. planes has been revised as follows:
 To Chungking—Every Tuesday and Thursday at 3.30 p.m.
 To Shanghai—Every Friday at 3.30 p.m.
 To Canton—Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3.30 p.m.

Revolver As "Security"

Chan Kin-lan, who pointed a revolver at a pawnbroker's assistant when he refused the amount he demanded for a watch he wanted to pawn and forced the pawnbroker to give him \$100, was arraigned before the General Military Court yesterday on a charge of armed robbery.

The Court comprised Mr. Leo d'Almada (President), Maj. J. B. Kite and Capt. I. M. Lightbody. Mr. F. X. d'Almada prosecuted.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada told the Court that on Feb. 5 at about 2 p.m. three Chinese went to the Wah Yick Pawnshop, No. 49, Nanchung Street, and produced a gold plated watch for pledge. They asked for \$200 but were offered \$20. One man said he could produce further security and with this drew out a revolver. The assistant was frightened and gave the men \$100.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that though the man produced a revolver as security and he did not offer it to the assistant, Young Chung, pawnbroker's assistant, said he did not respect the matter to the Police. He said that a few days before the robbery his shop, together with other shops, received a letter demanding money. The letter said that members of the brethren had come from the East River and were in need of money, and asked the firm for \$100.

Accused denied that he had threatened the assistant with a revolver. He had only wanted to pawn the watch.

Found unanimously guilty by the Court, accused was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada added that accused was serving a three years' term on a charge of unlawful possession of arms.

EIGHT YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBER

STATING THAT IT WAS A CAREFULLY PLANNED ROBBERY AND THAT ACCUSED HAD NO REASON TO EXPECT A LIGHT SENTENCE FOR THE OFFENCE TO WHICH HE HAD PLEADED GUILTY, MR. LEO D'ALMADA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL MILITARY COURT, YESTERDAY SENTENCED CHENG CHUN-TO, 30, UNEMPLOYED, TO EIGHT YEARS' HARD LABOUR AND 10 STROKES OF THE CANE.

C.C.S. To Hold Examinations

The Corporation of Certified Secretaries hopes shortly to resume examinations in Hong Kong under the auspices of the Education Department as before the war.

This is announced by Major C. F. Miles, F.C.C.S., who is at present serving as Deputy Assistant Director of Civil Services in the Civil Affairs Administration, and who is acting as Hong Kong representative of the Corporation.

Major Miles is desirous of getting into touch with any Fellows, Associates or registered students of the Corporation in Hong Kong. They should write to him at the Medical Branch Headquarters, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, 1st Floor.

Hong Kong members of the Corporation will be interested to know that Secretaries Hall, Fitzroy Square, London, although in the heart of the blitzed area of the West End survived the war without material damage and the Corporation continued its activities, including examinations throughout the war without interruption.

The President of the Corporation, the Earl of Idlesleigh, is still on active service with the Forces, but the Secretary, Capt. G. R. Drisdale, F.C.C.S., F.L.A.A., has returned to his duties after war service which included the Middle East campaign.

Lord Jowitt, for many years a vice-president of the Corporation, is now the Lord Chancellor.

Cheng was convicted on a charge of robbing the Cheung Fung Yue Import and Export Firm, of No. 24, Bohlam Street, East, of C.N.\$2,600,000, H.K.\$8,000 and U.S.\$100, a wrist watch and a Parker fountain pen.

The Court was composed of Mr. Leo d'Almada, Maj. J. B. Kite and Capt. I. M. Lightbody. Mr. F. X. d'Almada prosecuted while Det. Sub- Insp. R. Mackenzie appeared for the police.

Outlining the case Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that on Feb. 11 accused and two others went to the shop and inquired about exchange rates. On the following day accused and one other, armed with a revolver and dagger, returned and demanded the key to the safe from Cheng Hok-kin.

Cheng was ordered into the kitchen where he was bound, gagged and blindfolded. Later two other folks were similarly treated. Meanwhile the safe was emptied of its contents.

After the robbers had departed and the victims freed themselves and reported the matter to the Police, on information the accused was arrested on Feb. 19.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada added that the total booty taken by the robbers was estimated at H.K.\$17,000 part of which had been recovered.

Imposing sentence, the President remarked that it was a carefully planned robbery and that accused and his accomplices went to the shop on the previous day to spy out the lay of the land. He said that the robbers had used violence in binding and gagging the victim.

Escape

Two Chinese had a remarkable escape from death in the New Territories when their truck skidded off the road and fell 150 feet to the rocks below. The conductor, Lee Sui-sang, was killed, but both the driver, Tsang Fat, and the passenger were unhurt. The accident occurred at Ting Kau, near the 11½ milestone.

MOUNTBATTEN'S NEW "JOB"

Lord Louis Mountbatten has a new job. It is nothing to do with the service. He has been nominated as the next President of the British Institution of radio engineers.

According to present arrangements Lord Louis will be formally inducted at the Institute's twenty-first birthday meeting in October.

Lord Louis has long had a specialised knowledge of radio. He passed out first in the long course at the Royal Naval Signal School 20 years ago. Before taking a sea-going appointment as Fleet Wireless Officer in the Mediterranean he had produced the first Admiralty handbook on wireless telegraphy and was also responsible for a new edition of the Admiralty handbook on the same subject. Both are still standard works. Lord Louis joined the Institution in 1938.

NOW IN BANGKOK
 Bangkok, Mar. 14.
 Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Commander-in-Chief South-East Asia, arrived here this morning on a two-day visit to the King of Siam. He was accompanied by Lady Mountbatten and their daughter.—Reuter.

Dockyard Strike

The workers in the R.N. Dockyard, who broke their 1½-day sit-down strike at 2.30 p.m. yesterday in order to resume negotiations with the Naval authorities, are to go on strike again to-day.

This decision was reached at a large meeting of workers held last evening to hear a report from their three representatives who in the afternoon had a three-hour conference with representatives of the Yard authorities.

The men considered that the reply from the Yard authorities was unsatisfactory because the workers' demands had been submitted weeks ago, and a request now for an elaboration of their demands showed "insincerity and a desire to stall for time only."

At the conference the workers' representatives were asked to meet the Yard authorities again at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning.

K.C.R. WORKERS GET INCREASE

K.C.R. engine-drivers and mechanics on a monthly pay basis have been given a 33-1/3 per cent. increase in their basic wage as from March 1.

The men are said to be satisfied with the increase except that they feel it should be effective as from September last, instead of March, and on this point they are making another appeal to the railway administration.

As she was walking up the stairs at 35, Shanahill Street at about 11.15 a.m. yesterday, a woman was snatched by a man who pointed a pistol at her. He forced her to cry out, he had stolen a gold ring off her finger and made good his escape.

OPIMUM CHARGES

A \$1,600 fine or six months hard labour was imposed on Tong Nim-cheung by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday for the unlawful possession of 16 taels of raw opium. A widow, Fan Sim, was fined \$400 or two months for possessing four taels of the drug.

For the unlawful possession of ten taels of raw opium, found in a case he was carrying at the K.C.R. Station on March 12, Ng Chai was sentenced to four months hard labour or fined \$1,000.

EXTORTION CHARGE

Inspector Roy Isaac Fernandez again appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday on a charge of extortion. Mr. R. S. Smith, who prosecuted, agreed to bail of \$3,000. Mr. M. A. da Silva was representing the accused.

A week's remand was granted.

As a young wine-merchant named Wong Man-hong, of Gloucester, was saying goodbye to his girl friend outside her house at 68, Robinson Street yesterday, he was pushed into a doorway by two men armed with revolvers, and robbed of \$840. They escaped before he could raise the alarm.

About fifty orphans of the French Convent, who were taken to Macao shortly after the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, are being repatriated by the Royal Navy, and are due to arrive at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDING AT THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING YESTERDAY OF THE HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.—THE FIRST COMPANY TO HOLD A GENERAL MEETING AFTER THE WAR.—MR. D. E. CLARK, CHAIRMAN, REVEALED THAT CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE TO THE COMPANY'S PROPERTY LARGELY DUE TO LOOTING, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE JAPANESE SURRENDER AND THAT IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT ONE THIRD OF THE PROPERTY IS NOW UNINHABITABLE.

He also stated that a mortgage to the company of \$161,500 had been paid off by the mortgagor and new title deeds issued by the Japanese, but that the mortgagor had been informed that the Company did not recognise the transaction and still held him responsible.

The brighter side of the picture, said the chairman, was the continual demand for property at prices away above pre-war and the disposal of two damaged properties at a fair profit.

Supporting the chairman were Messrs. J. M. Alves and H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O. and Mr. J. L. Quie, secretary.

Among the shareholders present were:—Messrs. L. Kadoorie, C. B. Brown, R. A. Dastur, R. A. Wadson, A. Samy, W. C. Lee, F. A. Xavier, H. Gittens and P. M. N. da Silva.

The Chairman said:—"Before proceeding with the business for which this meeting was called, I should like to refer to the loss the Company has sustained by the death in India of Mr. L. J. Davies. Mr. Davies served on this Board on numerous occasions for various periods, and his advice was of great value to the Company. Our sympathy goes to his wife and relatives."

"It is now over five years since last I addressed you but I feel it is not necessary to say more about this big gap in the Company's history—the reason being well known to all of you."

RECORDS LOST

"Shortly after the surrender of Hong Kong to the Japanese (Continued on Page 5)

Obituary

MISS N. WESTAWAY

The death of Acting Matron Miss N. K. Westaway Q.A.R.N., N.S., took place yesterday afternoon at the Royal Naval Hospital (Queen Mary).

The late Miss Westaway, who comes from Plymouth, had been ill for nearly a month and her condition grew worse on Tuesday. She had been in the service for nearly 15 years and was attached to a number of Naval Hospitals and Hospital ships at home. She arrived in Hong Kong in October from Australia and was in charge of the Naval Hospital here.

In the New Year Honours List she became an associate of the Royal Red Cross.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Lam Shan, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for the theft of a suit containing clothing valued at \$150 from a Chinese woman, Cheung Wai-yin, at the Star Ferry Wharf on March 12.

A meeting of all Servicemen interested in the formation of a Theatre Club will be held this evening at 8 p.m. at St. John's Hall, Garden Road.

Distribution Of Old Clothes

THE OLD CLOTHES DISTRIBUTING CENTRE OF THE RELIEF OFFICE OF CIVIL AFFAIRS IS NOW SITUATED IN THE HONG KONG CLUB, WHERE WITH THE MORE SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION IT WILL NOW BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH A GREATER NUMBER OF APPLICANTS DAILY.

The distribution is supervised by members of the Salvation Army and among these are Mr. Moffitt, Mrs. Wallace, Major and Mrs. Waller, Captain and Mrs. Godkin and Mr. Peacock.

In addition to the above there is a staff of 30 workers mostly from the Rosary Hill centre.

Distribution started three weeks ago at Messrs. Lane Crawford and up to date nearly 4,000 people have been attended to. In the new premises it is hoped to be able to deal with three to four hundred a day.

Before any distributing can be done the clothing has to be sorted into different categories and sizes. This in itself entails a lot of work, as all kinds are found in a bale.

The present premises present a very business-like appearance and the shelves are neatly stocked with clothing well folded.

About 500 bales of old clothing will have to be disposed of and at the moment there are about 16,000 applicants on the waiting list to be dealt with. It is understood that for the present no new applications will be received.

Each applicant receives on an average 14 garments and every endeavour is made to see that the clothing fits as near as possible and thus labour and expense in alteration is saved.

In the early stages the tickets were blackmarketed for \$50 but the price has now dropped down to less than \$30 due to the vigilance of officials.

Constable Who Sold A Pistol

A special constable, Kan Ying-cheung, of No. 145, Shanghai Street, was charged before Mr. A. el Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday with selling a revolver and seven rounds of ammunition without a permit.

Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded guilty on behalf of accused. Detective-Inspector R. MacKenzie prosecuted.

Inspector MacKenzie stated that on Feb. 19, two Chinese were arrested in connection with an armed robbery at Caine Road. After the men's arrest, information revealed that accused has previously been in possession of a revolver. Accused's house was visited by the Police but no revolver was found.

At the junction of Nathan Road and Hankow Road, accused was arrested and cautioned. Accused made a statement to the Police that he had sold the gun to a Chinese who was under arrest alleged to have taken part in a armed robbery. Accused stated that he had picked up the revolver on a hill at the back of Homanlin.

Mr. Silva said that his client had a friend named Chan Cheung, attached to the Chinese New First Army, who had left the Colony. Chan had persuaded his client to give him the revolver. Before his client could give Chan the gun, he left the Colony. Tsui Tsang-yue, whom his client had met with Chan on many occasions, approached his client for the gun, saying that he (Tsui) would be leaving for China and needed a gun. Mr. Silva said that his client had no criminal intention of keeping the gun and asked for a fine.

Accused was fined \$1,000.

Sequel To Police Raid

A heavy sentence was imposed by Mr. W. H. Latimer on three Chinese yesterday for unlawful possession of arms and conspiring to commit an armed robbery. Ho Hing, Leung Yee and Wat Chin were sentenced to three years' hard labour for possessing revolvers and a dagger. On the conspiracy charge, they were each sentenced to three years' hard labour. The sentences are to run consecutively.

Detective-Inspector J. R. Sykes told the court that on the night of March 11, a party of police under Chief Detective-Inspector Fraser and himself, went to the vicinity of No. 35 Portland Street. The police had information that an armed robbery would be committed there. At 7.20 p.m., five Chinese were seen to approach the premises. They were stopped and searched. Loaded revolvers were found on the first and second accused while the third accused had a dagger.

Another Chinese gunman, Cheung Chung, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by Mr. Latimer for unlawful possession of a loaded 38 S. & W. revolver. Detective-Inspector Sykes prosecuted.

For the theft of a tin of Hor-Jek's milk powder from the China Provident Geden, Yuen Tang was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1946.

STALIN ATTACKS WINSTON

Charge Of Inflaming Causes Of War

Russians Abandon Mukden

CHUNGKING, MARCH 14. THE LAST UNITS OF THE RUSSIAN GARRISON IN MUKDEN LEFT THE CITY ON TUESDAY NIGHT WITH THEIR COMMANDER, MAJ. GEN. ROYTOUN STANKEVICH. THE CHINESE CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

The departure completed the evacuation begun on March 7 and ended the Soviet occupation of six months and 23 days.

The news agency said only three Russian soldiers remained to guard Soviet military supplies at the railroad station. Factories and other buildings are being taken over by Central Chinese Government authorities.

They announced comprehensive measures were planned to maintain order.

The Nationalist 25th division entered Mukden and was given a rousing welcome by the city's residents. A Government troops entered the city and Chinese Communists approached, reports continued to tell of clashes between unidentified elements within Mukden.

Central News reported a "ferocious" fight developed in the southern suburbs when Government troops and police were attacked at two points. It said the clash lasted three hours before the attackers were repulsed.

Earlier reports of street clashes inside Mukden were not substantiated. Associated Press.

Mr. Churchill Accused Of Lying

LONDON, MAR. 14. MOSCOW RADIO YESTERDAY QUOTED STALIN AS DECLARING THAT WINSTON CHURCHILL AND HIS FRIENDS IN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES "REMINDED ONE OF HITLER AND HIS FRIENDS." HE CHARGED THAT MR. CHURCHILL WAS "INFLAMING THE CAUSES OF WAR."

THE BROADCAST, RECORDED IN LONDON BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, SAID THAT STALIN TOLD "PRAVDA" REPORTER THAT MR. CHURCHILL'S SPEECH AT FULTON, MISSOURI, WAS "VERY DANGEROUS AND CONTAINED LIES" ABOUT SOVIET INFLUENCE IN WARSAW, BELGRADE, BUCHAREST AND BUDAPEST.

Saying that Mr. Churchill was calling the people to war against the Soviet Union, Stalin was quoted as declaring that Mr. Churchill's offer of a 50-year treaty of friendship with the U.S.S.R. was "nothing more than a piece of paper of no value."

The Russian leader accused Mr. Churchill of "having tried to organize a crusade against the U.S.S.R. before." He added he had doubts that Mr. Churchill would succeed in starting a crusade against the Soviet Union "but if he does he is sure to fail."

He continued "Hitler began the causes of war by introducing race theories in which he declared that only people who speak the German language are people of a pure race. Mr. Churchill also began incitement for war with the race theory."

giving privileges to races who speak the English language and who have a right to decide the fate of the world."

"A LARGE LIE"

Stalin said the Soviet Union lost 7,000,000 men which more than Britain and the United States combined.

The broadcast said Stalin described Mr. Churchill's claim that the present Polish Government is under Russian influence as "again a large lie on the part of Mr. Churchill. Mr. Churchill is disappointed that Poland has chosen a new road instead of following the road Mr. Churchill likes and instead took a road of closer relations with the U.S.S.R."

Stalin said the German invasion of Russia was made possible only because of the existence then of neighbouring Governments hostile to the Soviet Union. Associated Press.

"DANGEROUS ACT"

Stalin declared Mr. Churchill wants Yugoslavia to be ruled by persons like Mihaljevitich and Kinga. Stalin, according to the radio broadcast, said Mr. Churchill was speaking of ordinary people and that ordinary people pushed Mr. Churchill out of office in Britain and that similar action was taking place throughout Europe and that such action did not appeal to Mr. Churchill.

Extractions from the full text of the "Pravda" interview as quoted by Moscow Radio and heard by the Associated Press in London are quoted hereafter:

"I consider that it (Churchill's speech) is a dangerous act with the view of sowing the seeds of disunity between the countries and hampering further co-operation."

"Mr. Churchill is at the present moment taking part in inflaming the causes of war. Mr. Churchill is not alone. He has friends not only in England but in the United States. Mr. Churchill and his friends in England and the United States are submitting to the nations who do not speak the English language a sort of ultimatum: 'you recognise our superiority voluntarily and everything will be all right, otherwise war is inevitable.'" Associated Press.

When Mr. Churchill was plagued by a difficult problem he would "walk himself out" in front of his cave, a strange-looking little figure in his padded blue uniform, hands thrust deep into his pockets and shoulders stooped.

The school programme included courses in postwar problems and procedures which Okano introduced. He trained cadres for eventual political work in Japan. At its height the school had 700 students, many of whom had to travel months before reaching Yenian from the front. The success of the venture was driven home in the closing days of the war when fully 40 per cent of the 4,000 prisoners who fell into Communist hands came over voluntarily in response to the urgings of their own countrymen.

The students at the school spent a large part of their time in self-criticism and analysis of the motives which impelled them to fight for Japanese militarism. Many of the prisoners of war were reluctant to study in the beginning and were ashamed to face their fellow soldiers.

These men were conquered through kindness and constantly reminded that though the Japanese at home might officially consider them dead they could make a new life dedicated to reforming Japan democratically.

Pensants and workers were easy to condition but successful businessmen and former merchants turned to democracy more slowly. Some never were fully converted to the extent of actively fighting militarism.

Okano had many talks with Mao Tse-tung and other Chinese Communist leaders and the Chinese learned heavily on him in matters concerning Japanese internal affairs.

The talks took place in Mao's simple home here and often lasted

Chinese Concern Over Manchuria

Philadelphia, March 14. Robert McLean, Philadelphia publisher and president of the Associated Press board of directors, said yesterday that he found everywhere in China "grave concern over the possibility of increased Russian infiltration" into Manchuria, Korea and north China, where Chinese Communists are dominant.

He said this possibility had been lessened by two factors: the personality of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the vigour and ability with which Gen. George C. Marshall and other American officers have moved to strengthen democratic government.

He expressed the belief that Chiang Kai-shek's policy is based on belief in a unified, democratic China and said it "embraces many benefits which the Chinese Communists have promised their followers—lower taxes, wide ownership of land, broadening of voting power and education. There is no question of the desires of people in all areas where true democracy and Russian Communism come in contact—and they should have the opportunity of choice." Associated Press.

Paris, March 14. General Zinov, Peckov, once armed French soldier and son of the famous Russian writer Maxim Gorki, will be named French diplomatic representative to General MacArthur's staff, Peckov, who is a naturalized Frenchman, was formerly Ambassador to China. Associated Press.

GOERING GIVES A LECTURE

LECTURING HIS ALLIED JUDGES AS IF THEY WERE SCHOOLBOYS, DEFENDANT HERMAN GOERING TESTIFIED BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL YESTERDAY THAT HITLER SEIZED POWER IN 1933 TO "MAKE GERMANY FREE."

BOASTFULLY EMPHASISING HIS OWN IMPORTANCE IN SNATCHING CONTROL FOR THE NAZI PARTY, GOERING CLAIMED A REICHSWEHR PUTSCH AGAINST THE FUERHER WAS BARELY AVERTED A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE FIRST HITLER CABINET TOOK OATH 13 YEARS AGO.

Goering's jaws shook pompously as he declared that the Nazis "came to power legally by elections normal under existing laws."

But he readily asserted that he joined with the Fuehrer "in deciding to keep this power under all circumstances—not for power's sake but we needed power to make Germany free."

With a commanding expression, Goering explained, "for the benefit of this high tribunal," that the Nazis had rescued Germany from political confusion in which "as many as 37 parties contested a single Reichstag election."

BLAND ADMISSION

"The Nazi leadership could not leave Germany to the play of coincidences of elections and parliamentary majority," Goering declared. "We had a majority anyway. Other parties that would not dissolve we dissolved ourselves. Nobody could have the least doubt we wanted to finish off the Communist Party. We were convinced that if the Communists were to come to power, we would have been put away."

Blandly he admitted responsibility for starting the first concentration camps after arresting several thousand Communists in Prussia "because I could not foresee how long their internment would be necessary nor how much their number would increase." Associated Press.

STRIKE SETTLED

Detroit, March 14. The General Motors strike was yesterday settled on the basis of an 18-1/2 cents an hour wage increase. The company has also agreed to remove "inequities" in wage rates as sought by the C.I.O. union auto workers.

The Union announced the settlement, said the company's promise "meets the 18-1/2 cent increase recommended by President Truman." Associated Press.

NO AGREEMENT

Teheran, March 14. Premier Qavam es Sultaneh said yesterday that no agreements were reached with the Russians in his recent talks and no negotiations were now under way.

"I have protested in writing to the Soviet Government concerning continued presence of Russian troops in Iran and made similar protests orally to Generalissimo Joseph Stalin," Sultaneh said at a news conference for foreign journalists. Associated Press.

Truman Backs Down

Washington, March 14. President Truman has withdrawn the nomination of Edwin Pauley, California oil man, for the post of Under-Secretary of the Navy ending the controversy which has engaged Congressional attention since January.

Chairman Walsh, Democrat of Massachusetts, of the Senate Naval Committee, in a statement said that the Committee commended Pauley "for his patriotic action in requesting President Truman to withdraw his nomination."

Truman wrote Pauley a letter in which he said that Pauley's "defense of his good name" had been "conclusive." He added that Pauley emerges "with honour unscathed."

The high point of the controversy was the explosive resignation of Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes after testifying before a Committee hearing. Ickes testified that Pauley had told him he could raise \$300,000 for the Democratic campaign fund if the Administration abandoned its efforts to get government title to Tideland's oil araps. Pauley denied he had suggested it. In a letter to Truman, Pauley said all charges against him "had been answered and shown to be false." Associated Press.

RED SUSPICIONS JUSTIFIED

Canberra, March 14. Russia not only is the subject of suspicion by two major powers but herself has grounds for suspicion of Britain and the United States, Herbert Ewart, Australian Minister for External Affairs, told Parliament yesterday.

Ewart was referring to the withholding of atomic energy secrets from the Soviet Union.

"My opinion," he told Parliament, "is that Russia desires to develop its own economy and improve the welfare of her peoples. My opinion is that forces of Fascism remain finally undefeated either in international or domestic affairs." Associated Press.

Cabinet Meeting

London, March 14. The British Cabinet, which is concerned over the new developments in the Iran situation, meets today to discuss problems arising out of the continued presence of Russian troops in Iran. Earlier Russian Office spokesman said that the reported Soviet troop movements made the situation "more grave."

Well informed sources said that British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has been in touch with U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes during the last 24 hours. Meanwhile officials denied reports circulating in London that Prime Minister Attlee had been in telephone communication with President Truman. Associated Press.

BLOMBERG DEAD

Nuernberg, March 14. Field Marshal Werner von Blomberg, 67, minister of war in Hitler's first cabinet, died yesterday of a heart ailment in a U.S. army hospital. He was waiting to be summoned as a witness in the war crimes trials here. Associated Press.

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SMALL CHANGE DESTROYED

London, March 13. Millions of Treasury notes, which never saw pocket or cash register, have just been destroyed by Government order.

They were small change notes—five coloured for five shillings and light blue for two and sixpence. They were invasion money.

Treasury officials stated: "There was always the risk at the time we were preparing against invasion that some part of the country might be cut off and become short of small money. So these notes were printed and bundled up and distributed to various regions. There they were hidden—mostly buried—and only the smallest possible number of officials were allowed to know when they were to be used in emergency, but the emergency never rose and now they have all been destroyed." Associated Press.

STARVATION IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, March 14. Peasants in some regions of Rumania have been reduced to eating grass and corn mixed with acorns. General Parvulescu, Minister of Supply, declared yesterday.

Parvulescu, in a report to a meeting of economic control officials, said 8,000,000 inhabitants of cities and villages are menaced with famine between now and the harvest late in July.

The Minister of Cooperation told the meeting that there were "regions where several peasants are dying of hunger daily." Associated Press.

Honolulu, March 14. Six men are missing and six men were saved, after an Army B-24 crashed 35 miles East of Kure Island on Monday. The Army reported today. Associated Press.

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Chungking Congress

(By Spencer Moosa)

Chungking, March 14.
There was no formal meeting
to-day of the Kuomintang Con-
gress which is to close in present
plenary session on March 15, but
different groups of delegates
gathered privately to discuss the
impending reorganisation of the
Government.

Whether the choice of a new
Premier to replace Dr. T. V.
Soong was considered is not yet
known.

Among principal topics discus-
sed was Kuomintang representa-
tion on the State Council when
this body is reorganised in accord-
ance with the decisions of the
recent plenary session. The
Council is to become supreme ruling
authority in China and is to
have 40 members, half of them
representing the Kuomintang and
the other half, parties and non-
partisans.

The Executive Yuan or cabinet
is also to be reorganised to in-
clude members of other parties
and this will necessarily entail
displacement of several present
members. Associated Press.

AUSTRALIAN POLICY

Canberra, March 14.
With regard to the Indonesian
dispute, Mr. Herbert Evatt, Ex-
ternal Affairs Minister, said that
Australia's policy was to assist
in a settlement and to discourage
acts of provocation calculated to
prevent a just settlement.

He declared that Australia had
a vital interest in the preservation
of its wartime friendship
with the Dutch, in relation to
the Netherlands East Indies. At
the same time he said it was
important to do everything possi-
ble to establish good relations
with the Indonesians. Associated
Press.

Working In Other Countries

WASHINGTON, MAR. 14.

AN OBVIOUS FEAR RUNNING THROUGH AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS THAT THE GER-
MANS WILL FIND A SPOT IN THE WORLD
WHERE THEY CAN TURN OUT ATOMIC BOMBS
UNOBSERVED. BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN RE-
EDUCATED OUT OF THEIR "MASTER-RACE"
CRAZE.

ONE SUCH DOCUMENT POINTS BY ITS INNUENDO
TO ARGENTINA AS THE SPOT FOR THEIR AC-
TIVITIES. BUT IT ALSO IMPLIES THAT THE
NECESSARY WORK COULD GO ON UNDER THE
PROTECTION OF ANY AMENABLE GOVERN-
MENT.

For that reason the new de-
fence enemy branch of the United
States Foreign Economic Admini-
stration warned in its last report
that the Allies must control the
actions of German scientists both
in Germany and in other coun-
tries.

Rice Crisis In Japan?

Tokyo, March 13.

Kyodo News Agency said to-day
a Japanese official of the food
bureau predicted compulsory mea-
sures might be utilized as a final
resort in enforcing rice collection.
The official was quoted as say-
ing farmers will be advised in
writing to deliver their rice, and
if they disregard the instructions,
prefectural governors will issue
expropriation orders. The official
told Kyodo between 50,000
and 60,000 farmers would be
affected.

The critical stage of the food
shortage will be reached before
June, said the official, who added
that the food situation in leading
Japanese cities other than Nago-
ya and Yokohama is becoming
more serious daily. Associated
Press.

GENERALS IN QUARANTINE

Seattle, March 14.

Quarantined because of a case
of possible typhus, the transport
"General John Pope" was denied
landing privileges yesterday. It
began taking on provisions for its
5,212 Army, Navy and Civilian
passengers prior to anchoring in
 Elliott Bay to await lifting of the
quarantine. The ship came from
Yokohama.

Lieut.-Gen. Charles P. Hall,
eleventh corps commander who
was recently acting commander
of the Eighth Army in Japan,
who came ashore after the ship
berthed, was ordered quarantined
after the typhus suspect was dis-
covered. A brigadier-general and
nine colonels were with him.
Associated Press.

Sir Cyril Noyes Dead

London, March 13.

Sir Cyril Noyes, K.C.S., C.B.,
C.I.E., M.C., 61, General Officer
Commanding the Indian North-
ern Army in 1942, died in a
London hospital yesterday.
Sir Cyril, who reached the
rank of General in 1942, was
Quartermaster-General in India
in 1941. He was transferred to
the Indian Army from the Royal
Artillery in 1907 and was posted
to the 2nd (Queen Victoria's
Own) Rajput Light Infantry.
Associated Press.

SHIP FROM SPAIN

Manila, March 14.

The Spanish vessel "Plus Ultra,"
the first ship to come directly
from Spain in five years, arrived
yesterday with 97 Japanese diplo-
mats from Europe, a cargo of 900
tons of relief supplies for the
Spanish community in the Philip-
pines and also 17 prominent
Spaniards, including the new Con-
sul-General, Federico Gabaldon
Navarro, and Industry and Com-
mercial Ministry representative
Partoene Serrera Escalas. As-
sociated Press.

Southampton, March 14.
The Marquis of Linlithgow, for-
mer Viceroy of India, and Sir
Alexander Cadogan, British Per-
manent Under-Secretary for For-
eign Affairs, were among passen-
gers sailing for New York yester-
day with 2,300 brides of American
servicemen and their children
aboard the "Queen Mary." As-
sociated Press.

Washington, March 14.
Sir Ben Smith, British Food
Minister, said yesterday Britain
would seek to reduce the diet of
Germans and Japanese to 1,000
calories a day per person. As-
sociated Press.

The American plan to meet
this fear is quite comprehensive.
In the American occupation zone
General is ordered to prohibit all
research on military weapons and
either to destroy equipment or
ban it out among German
neighbours. German scientists, if
they are not Nazis, are permitted
to work only on such peacetime
sciences as medicine, psychology
and sociology.

WORKING ABROAD

The American government is
also making every effort to trace
those who are still abroad, espe-
cially in neutral countries.

The Foreign Economic Admini-
stration says that after World
War I, when the Allies prevented
the manufacture of war materials
in Germany, leading German
scientists went to work in other
countries. Then, when Allied con-
trol relaxed, they slipped home
with all those years of research
to the good.

The United States Government
worry is that they will do the
same thing this time. But also
with the atomic bomb added to
the world's lethal weapons, Ger-
man scientists could now wage
war from non-German soil.

The State Department's "Blue
Book" says that "in the Argentine
the Germans have constructed a
complete duplicate of the economic
structure for war which they had
in Germany." Associated Press.

Incentive For Higher Commodity Prices

CANTON, MAR. 14.

AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE FOR FURTHER RISES
IN COMMODITY PRICES IS THE PRESENT PRA-
TICE OF MOST BUSINESS PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY
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TON-CITY, OF REFUSING TO ACCEPT \$5 AND
\$10 NOTES. BUSINESS MEN, BIG OR SMALL, SAY
IT IS TROUBLESOME TO BUY GOODS WITH
BILLS OF SUCH SMALL DENOMINATIONS.
FIGURED-IN GRAIN PRICES, A LARGE BASKET
WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CARRY THE RE-
QUIRED AMOUNTS OF \$5 AND \$10 NOTES TO
BUY ONE PICUL OF GRAIN.

Consequently goods formerly
selling for \$20 or \$30 are being
sold for \$50, which is fast becom-
ing the lowest denomination ac-
cepted as payment for goods.
Though prices of everything,
including travelling facilities in
Canton, have risen tremendously,
the prices reigning in the region
of Toishan, to the South-west of
Canton, are beginning to show
signs of dropping, except for
means of travel which have risen
from 400 per cent to 1,000 per
cent. A few months ago, riding
the back of a bicycle cost about
\$200 for three miles, now it costs
between \$500 to \$1,000.

An encouraging sign, however,
is that grain is selling for a
minimum of \$14,000 as compared
with \$28,000 of one month ago.

BUMPER CROPS

This year's crops of taro and
winter sweet potatoes show every
sign of being bumper crops, the
sweet potatoes being expected to
average three catties each plant.
In the regions between Fatsan,
Canton and Hong Kong, many
farmers have put down rice seeds,
but in Toishan there has not yet
been sufficient rain. The latest
date for the sowing of rice seeds
is about the middle of April and
the weather of the past few days
has been favourable to the far-
mers' wish for more rain.

There is much wild gossip and
even wilder rumours of evacua-
tion of both Hong Kong and
Canton. No one seems to know
where these rumours spring from.
Speculation centers on speculations
who stand to gain profit from
panic ensuing from these rumours.

BANDITS

In the Toishan District, Sam
Fow, a former bandit, 500 of
three towns at the beginning of
the Pearl River tributaries, is
beginning to show signs of im-

Pacific Air Flights

Honolulu, March 14.

The Army Air Force Command
will double its Trans-Pacific
flights before the end of this
month by adding commercial
plane schedules. Brigadier Gen-
eral Robert Nowland, Pacific Divi-
sion Air Transport Command
Chief announced to-day.

The proposed expansion is ex-
pected to remove the bottle-neck
in handling aircraft to and from
Japan and the Philippines. The
new plan calls for eight round
trips daily to San Francisco,
three to Tokyo and one to Manila,
as compared with the present
three to San Francisco and one
each to Tokyo and Manila.

Simultaneously, Major-General
James Moore, Fleet Marine Air-
craft Commander announced that
marine air transport facilities in
the Pacific will be greatly im-
proved with the substitution of
20 four-engine Douglas Sky-
masters for the present two-
engine planes in use. Because
of their longer range and greater
load capacities, the planes are
expected to expedite the delivery
of mail supplies to Marines in
China, Japan and forward Pacific
bases. Associated Press.

FORMOSA POLICY

Chungking, March 14.

The policy of giving the People
of Taiwan (Formosa) equal
opportunity was emphasised at a
press conference in Chungking
to-day by the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the island,
General Chen Yi. China first
Governor there since its restora-
tion to this country.

This, he said, would mark a
radical departure from the pre-
vious Japanese policy of repression
under which the Japanese
Government generally curtailed
privileges of the natives and gave
special preferences to Japanese.
Associated Press.

Possibilities Of Atom Bomb

WASHINGTON, MAR. 14.

BOMBARDIERS WHO WILL TOUCH OFF THE ATOM
BOMB TESTS IN THE BIKINI REGION, MAR-
SHALL ISLANDS, THIS SPRING, SUGGEST THAT
THE EXPLOSION ABOVE THE ARRAY OF WAR-
SHIPS WILL DEMONSTRATE THE DREADFUL
VERSATILITY OF THE NEW WEAPON.

BOMBARDIERS SAY THE FIRST ACT OF THE TESTS
MAY BE A DRAMATIC FLOP WITH THE BIG
TARGET FLEET SHOWING LITTLE REAL DAM-
AGE, BUT THEY ADD THE BOMB COULD KILL
OR CRIPPLE ENTIRE CREWS OF THE STRUC-
TURALLY INTACT VESSELS AND THUS PROVE
TO BE AN ANTI-PERSONNEL WEAPON OF TRE-
MENDOUS MAGNITUDE.

Studies based on the results at
Nagasaki and Hiroshima, where
the bombs exploded in mid-air (as
will be the case in the first Bikini
drop) indicate the possibility
that a few or perhaps none of
the 100 target ships may be sunk.
This may be especially true if
the ships are anchored how on
to the atom burst so that the
streamline character of the hull's
super-structure will let some of
the blast slide past.

MILLIONS OF DEGREES
The first test will specialize on
the analysis of radiant energy
produced by the bomb burst—the
instantaneous burning effect of heat
in millions of degrees and effects
of the short wave radiation which
kills men. The other two tests,

one with the bomb exploded at
the surface and the other under
water will be essential to the
ships themselves.

The flash heat, the explosion of
the instantaneous but highly con-
centrated dose of radio-activity,
and shock transmitted through
the air to crush the internal or-
gans is accounted for part of the
80,000 deaths in Hiroshima and
45,000 in Nagasaki. Atom bomb
experts, analyzing the findings
to men on board a ship think
bomb exploded within a reason-
able distance of the warship
could so cripple its crew that the
ship would be virtually helpless
even though its propulsion ma-
chinery, hull and fighting material
remained intact.

LESSONS OF JAPAN

Used this way the bomb would
be a weapon of saturation,
crippling or stopping the func-
tions of a fighting machine. Men
not immediately killed or knocked
out of action would become ill of
radio-active poisoning.

Studies in Japan have showed
that illness and death occurred as
much as 48 hours after exposure
to radio-active charge. One of
the purposes of the experiment
will be to determine how deep
and how fast radio-active poison
can seep down inside a warship
fully prepared to meet battle
conditions. It is for these pur-
poses that the joint army and
navy task force scientists are
accumulating a tremendous collec-
tion of delicate recording instru-
ments and putting its a-tombs on
the target ships. Associated
Press.

NOTICE

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name and address as soon as
possible at the Club's premises
where a list will be available as
from March 11th. At this time
until there is established a more
complete Roster of Membership
the Bye-Laws of the Club pre-
clude consideration of applica-
tions for new membership by
candidates of other than
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By Order of Committee,

F. R. PIDCOCK,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 9th, 1946.

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BRIDGE NOTES

To-day's crime hand is contributed
by D. P. Langlois, of Decatur, Illinois.

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

B. Q J 9 8 6

H. Q J 6

D. Q 4

C. A Q 2

B. A K 2

H. K 10 9

D. 6 2

D. J 5

Q. J 10 8

N. 7 6 3

B. 8 8

D. 10 7 6

3 2

Q. K 7 3

B. 10 4

E. A 7 4

D. A K 9 8

C. Q 9 6 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1D. 1H. 1S. Pass

1NT Pass 2NT Pass

3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Jack of clubs,

dummy played low, and East won with

the club king. East switched to a

heart, and South ducked, allowing

West to win. West returned a heart,

and South won after the spades. But

that allowed West to gain the lead

twice, and that was enough time to

establish and run the hearts. South

was therefore down two.

The crime you are supposed to detect

has already taken place. Look carefully,

for it's a subtle one. If you don't see

it, read on.

South was the criminal, and his

crime took place at the very first trick!

If he won the first trick and went

right after the spades, he would make

three spades, two hearts, three dia-

monds, and a club—before the enemy

could establish and cash the long hearts.

The club suit wasn't nearly so great a

monstrance as the hearts, partly because

the enemy had more hearts than clubs

and partly because East would probably

lead hearts if he got the lead during

the course of the play.

Strangely enough, it was not a crime

for South to be set two tricks, even

though he could have cashed eight

tricks. To cash the eight tricks would

be to make sure of being set, whereas

going after the spades would bring in

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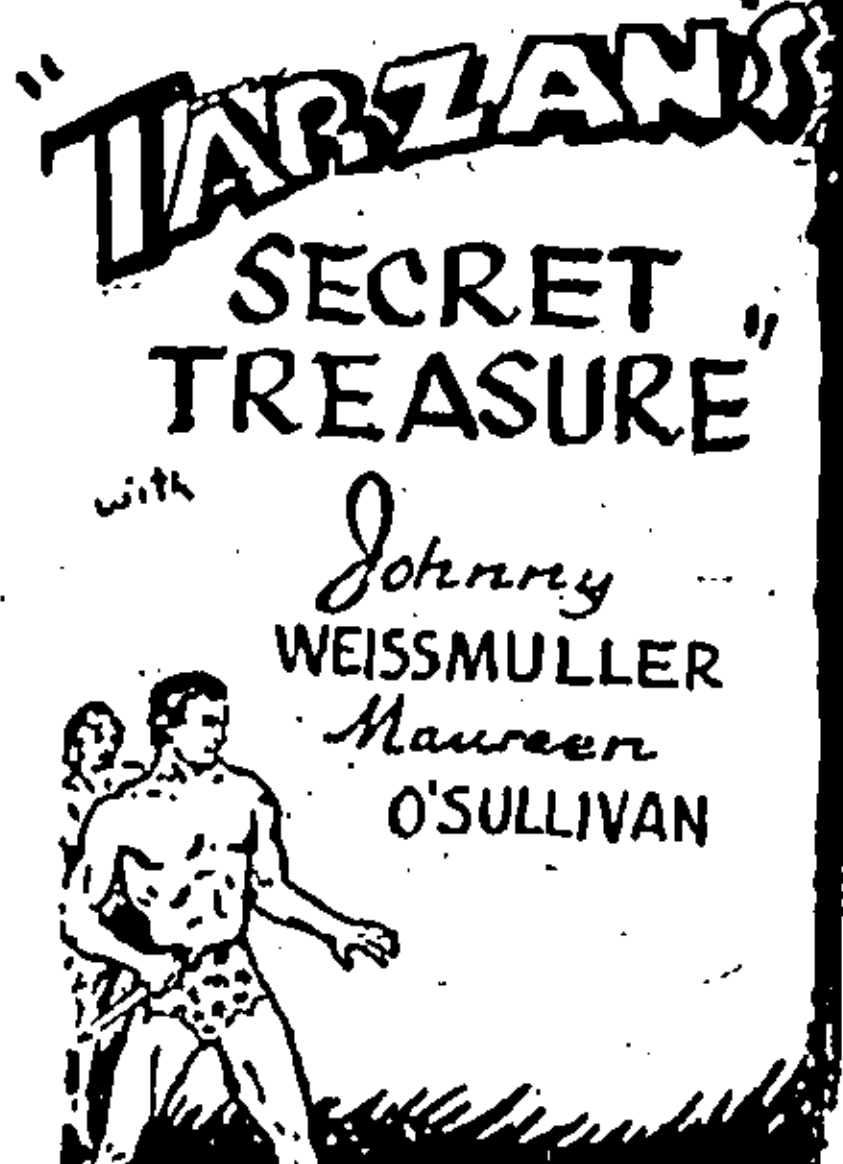
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CHARGE WITHDRAWN

At the request of the prosecution, Yau Yik-kuon, 27, newspaper reporter, and Chan Fuk, 24, unemployed, were discharged by Mr. A. J. Arculi as the complainant in the case could not be located, at the Summary Military Court yesterday. Accused were charged with demanding a sum of \$2,000 with menaces and threats from one Chan Kwong on March 8, at Morrison Hill Road. The complainant had left the Colony for Canton after the case was brought up.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE GENERAL MEETING

(Continued from Page 2)

on Dec. 25, 1941, our Offices were sealed up by the Japanese authorities. Unfortunately this did not afford any protection for later our safes were broken open and all books and records lost or destroyed.

The Share Register was amongst the books lost, but we had previously sent a copy of the Share Index to the Bank in Calcutta and this has been retrieved. The position is that although we have a record of the number of shares held by individual shareholders we have not the distinctive numbers, so that it will be necessary, at a date to be decided on later, to call in all present share certificates and issue fresh ones with new distinctive numbers.

"The report and statement of accounts and auditors' report for 1941 has been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose with your permission to adopt the usual procedure and take them as read. Owing to the loss of our books a note at the foot of the balance sheet explains clearly how the accounts were compiled."

"Profit shown for the year is \$139,912.71 which amount includes profit on a sale of property of \$13,600.00. In arriving at these figures rents receivable for December are omitted, and for this reason sundry debtors in the balance sheet figure as nil.

AUSTRIANS AGAIN

Recent legislation passed by the Austrian Provisional Government provides that all persons who were citizens of Austria as of March, 1938, are entitled to Austrian citizenship by registering with the Austrian Consul.

This information has been received by U.N.R.R.A.'s Kwan-tung Regional Office.

The law was passed on July 10, 1945 and provides as follows: "All persons who were Austrian citizens as of March, 1938, and their children, will now be regarded as entitled to Austrian citizenship with all rights and privileges. No distinctions (in re values) have been made. Excluded from rights of citizenship are those who illegally registered since 1938; i.e. members of the National Socialist Party."

In November, 1945 another law was passed which established regulations for claiming Austrian citizenship by those Austrians now in other countries. This law provides in part:

"That the Ministry of the Interior shall be responsible for the receipt of claims to Austrian citizenship, which must be received by the Ministry within six months from the time this law went into effect; that an Austrian refugee may go and make a sworn statement about his claim; it is expected that model forms for this purpose will be provided, but until they are, a simple statement, sworn to before the Consul, will be acceptable; if no representative of the Austrian Provisional Government has been appointed to the country in which the Austrian refugee finds himself, the statement, sworn to before any Notary Public, may be forwarded, by mail, registration for those in Austria will be conducted by the Ministry of the Interior."

The Austrian Government has not established consular offices in China, and U.N.R.R.A.'s Displaced Persons Division will serve as a forwarding agency for statements claiming Austrian citizenship. The statements will be forwarded to U.N.R.R.A.'s European Office and then transmitted directly to the Austrian Ministry of Interior. These statements may be turned in to the U.N.R.R.A. Office, Shanghai, Canton. In other parts of China, the statements will be processed by the nearest U.N.R.R.A. regional office, and forwarded to the proper headquarters.

CIGARETTES WITH "NAAFI" MARK

As a result of a successful search by No. 2 Police launch on the Motor Junk "Ting Hoi", 3,980 cigarettes, believed to have been stolen from the N.A.A.F.I. Godowns during the past two weeks, were restored. The owner of the cigarettes, Tsai Kwai, engineer of the junk, was summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. Accused said that he had bought them from hawkers along Shanghai Street for \$300. Sub./Lt. B. Pendergast, of the No. 2 Launch gave evidence, that on March 6, he boarded the junk "Ting Hoi" and his Chinese assistant found the cigarettes, Col. B. L. McGregor, R.A.F. Police, testified that the cigarettes were all marked N.A.A.F.I. Many packets had been stolen from the Stores lately.

A fine of \$50 was imposed and the cigarettes committed to the I. & S. Office.

"I will now review items in the P. & L. account which I think call for special mention."

TAX AND RENTS
"Interest is shown as \$10,000 higher than the previous year. The explanation for this is that in the accounts before you interest paid and interest received appears separately, whereas in previous years interest received was deducted from interest paid, and only the balance shown."

"Property Tax. This is higher by over \$10,000 as a result of an increase in the rate levied by the Government."

"Rents. On the credit side of P. & L. the loss of December rentals is reflected in the drop of \$37,000 in revenue, and as an additional factor rents generally were lower in 1941 as a result of the evacuation of European women from the Colony in the latter half of 1940."

"Land and buildings. Since the period covered by the accounts before you, I regret to inform you that considerable damage has been done to many of your properties due largely to looting. Actual damage during hostilities was small. The looting was particularly bad after the Japanese surrender. It is estimated that approximately 33-1/3 per cent, or 1/3rd, of your properties are now uninhabitable. You will naturally want to know what is to be done about rehabilitation of the damaged buildings and that is a question that at present I find difficult to answer. Naturally when materials and labour become available at a reasonable rate the question will be thoroughly gone into, but you must remember that the Company has an overdraft with its bankers of over a million dollars and this must not be overlooked when contracting for extensive repair work."

BRIGHTER SIDE

"There is, however, a brighter side to the picture and that is the continual demand for property at prices away above pre-war. We have already disposed of two damaged properties at prices which show a fair profit on our book values. If this demand continues, and I don't think I am being unduly optimistic in believing it will, our financial position will certainly improve, and enable us to embark on heavy repair and modernisation work, and in the future, on new construction without running too heavily into debt with our bankers."

"Loans on mortgage. During the Japanese occupation we are advised a mortgage to the Company of \$161,600.00 was paid off by the mortgagor and new Title Deeds issued to him by the Japanese authorities. We have informed the mortgagor that the Company does not recognize the transaction and still holds him liable for the amount concerned. For the present, there the matter rests. The amount of this mortgage is included in the Balance Sheet total of \$310,650.00 under this heading."

"Cash in hand. Nil. The small amount we had in the safe was lost."

INSURANCE POLICIES
"Payments in advance. This is made up of Insurance Premium on unexpired fire policies, and Government Property Tax. We have applied to the Insurance Company for the amount outstanding to be credited us against new fire policies taken out since the Japanese surrender, but they inform us that the question rests with the Fire Insurance Association and we now await their decision. As regards these two payments, you will note in the appropriation of profits it is proposed to write them off, even though it is hoped that some refund from the Insurance Co. and from Government will in due course be received."

"I think I have made all necessary comments on the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet before you and will now refer to the proposed appropriation of Profits. Your Directors regret they are unable to recommend a dividend in view of the heavy repair programme facing the Company. As regards rehabilitation allowance, your Directors consider that an allowance should be made to the General Managers and Staff and have fixed the figures as stated. I trust you will approve of the allocations as recommended."

"The Company resumed operations during September, 1945 and rents were collected as from Oct. 1, 1945. A considerable amount of the Company's property has been requisitioned by the Military Authorities. At date very little in the way of rent has been received, but no doubt it will be paid in due course."

"It is proposed to make up the next account for 15 months, that is, from Oct. 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1946. By the latter date the situation generally will, I hope, have clarified and will I trust enable me to put before you the position of the Company and its

future prospects with some accuracy."

"I have no further remarks to make, Gentlemen, and now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts be adopted and that the following allocation of Profits be passed."

Transfer to Re-building Reserve (Bringing same up to \$40,000.00)	\$100,000.00
Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals account (Bringing same up to \$10,000.00)	2,198.00
Write off Payments in Advance	88,988.20
Insurance	88,988.20
Property Tax	88,988.20
Write off Furniture	12,864.74
Write off Stores	990.00
Rehabilitation Allowance to Gen. Mgrs. & Staff	29,474.00
Carry forward	32,385.04
	\$179,420.38

Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. M. Alves and H. V. Wilkinson were re-elected directors and Messrs. Percy Smith and Co. and Peat, Marwick Mitchell and Co. auditors.

An extraordinary meeting followed and the resolutions contained in the agenda were adopted.

In proposing the resolution the Chairman said that the General Managers were in receipt of an allowance as remuneration for conducting and transacting the business of the Company and with which to pay office rent, salaries, secretary and clerks. This allowance, even in pre-war days, was insufficient to meet these expenses and it was considered that the secretary should now be paid direct by the Company.

THE GAME MUST GO ON

London, Mar. 13.
After Saturday's disaster when 33 persons were killed in a stampede after a barrier had given way, it had been thought that today's League match between Bolton and Bradford might have been deferred until after the funerals of the disaster victims.

The Bolton Wanderers' manager said, in an interview, that there had been no question of postponement. The bitter cold, as well as reaction to the tragedy, was responsible for the small attendance at today's match.

Although police were posted at various points on the ground, the precautions were unnecessary, since the embankment section of the field, which on Saturday held between 26,000 and 28,000 people, was almost empty.—Reuter.

Amateur Boxing

London, Mar. 13.
Great Britain beat France by five bouts to three in the first Amateur Boxing tournament for seven years at the Wembley Pool to-night before 10,000 spectators. The two teams stood to attention while both national anthems were played.

England made a good start when R. Gallacher, Scottish champion, stopped Angelo Spivati, former French champion, in the second round of the flyweight bout, and P. Brander, national bantam title holder outpointed Robert Candeanu.

France then retaliated when Andre Donnet, 104 lb featherweight champion, outpointed Lance Corporal Forrester, England, then took the next three bouts for the match, but the Frenchmen won the cruiser-weight and heavy-weight to reduce their arrears.

The 6 feet 5 Paris policeman, Andre Mennedault, six times heavy-weight champion of France, defeated over his British stocky opponent, H. Hill, who was beaten.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER

London, Mar. 13.

The following are the results of soccer games played to-day:
League North: Bolton 0; Bradford 0; Manchester City 2; Barnsley 3; Sunderland 3, Blackpool 1.

League South: Birmingham 0, Arsenal 1.
Third Div. North-East Region Cup: Lincoln 8, York 2.

Representative matches: Army 3, Royal Air Force 0; Football Association Amateur Team 10, Universities Athletic Union 1.

Scottish Second XI Cup: Hibernian 3, St. Mirren 1.—Reuter.

CIVILIAN SOCCER TEAMS
The following are the Civilian football teams for the week-end:
Civilian "A" v. Royal Air Force (Navy ground, 4 p.m.)—Cotton, Leach, B. Gosano, Archibald, McArthur, Collins, M. Xavier, Mullin, Watson, Hunter and A. Alves.

Civilian "B" v. 44 R.M. Commando (Navy ground, 4 p.m.)—F. Soares, G. Fernandes, R. Rocha, W. Wilkinson, A. Leonard, J. Pereira, MacDonnell, G. Marshall, Mathias and B. Cruz.

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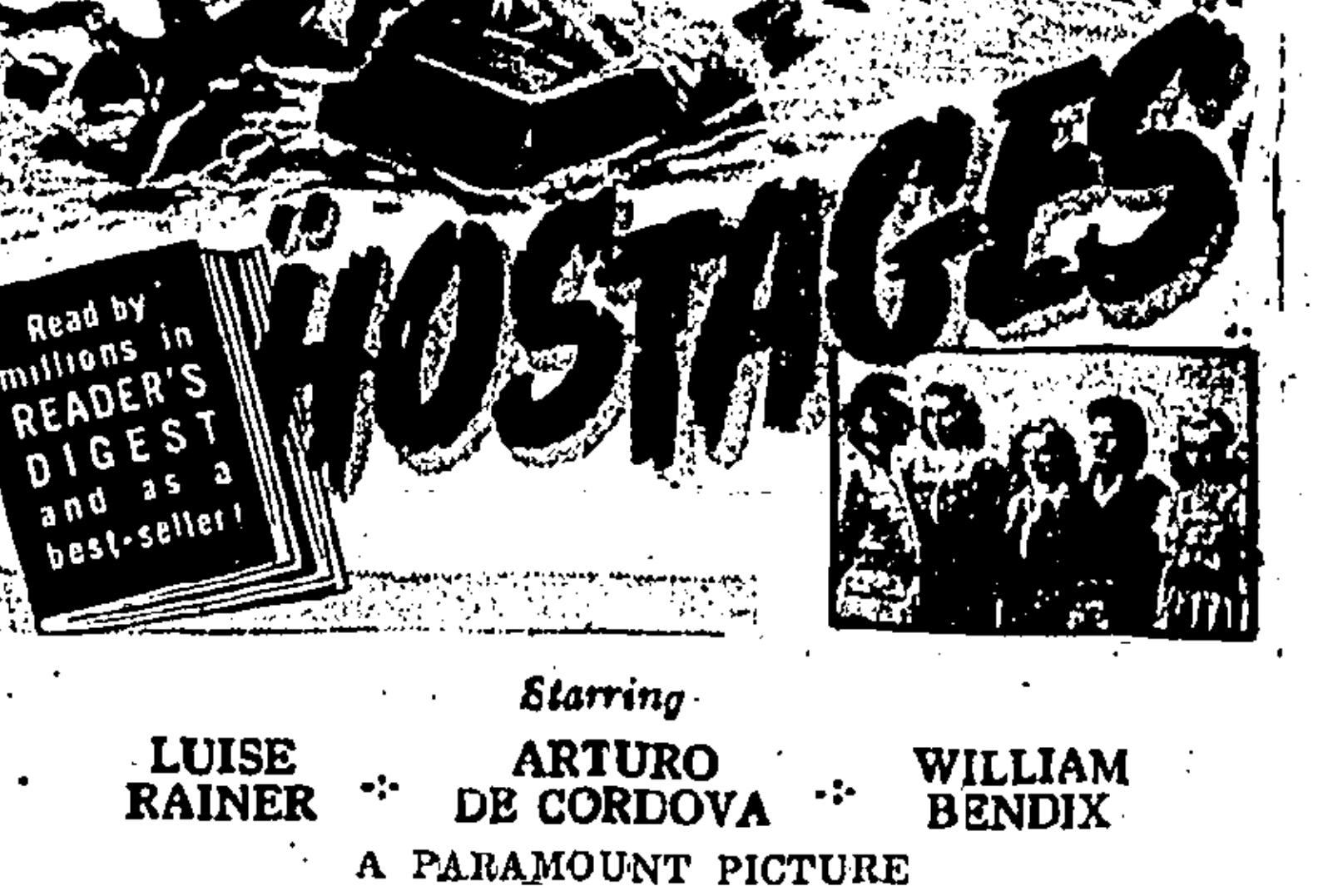
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Gen. Smuts On Free Speech

CAPE TOWN, MAR. 14. GENERAL J. VAN SMUTS, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, STATED IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TODAY THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT STALIN WAS WRONG IN THE INTERPRETATION WHICH HE PUT ON THE SPEECH OF MR. CHURCHILL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

He was referring to the attack on Russia by the leader of the Nationalist Party, Dr. Mahan, in which Mahan suggested that a world war might spread to South Africa and had called upon the white population to stand together to repel the danger of "Communism" among the coloured people.

"We are living in a very dangerous world," Smuts said. "The world is going through the greatest revolution in its history which began at the beginning of the 20th Century. End of war does not mean immediate world peace. What is needed is patience and reasonableness. War motives should not lightly be attributed to others."

Free speaking by great powers such as had been observed at the last meeting, and no harm and was better than clanking differences with the words as had been done at Geneva.

It was dangerous to talk now as if everything was lost. Such talk would lead to the destruction of civilisation and mankind.

His advice to South Africa was to stand by the U.N.O. whatever difficulties it might encounter and at the same time to ensure that she could defend herself. — Reuter.

Restriction Of Rents

LONDON, MARCH 14. Thousands of tenants who fear that their rents would be raised under the recent High Court's decision, were given reassurance by the Health Minister, Mr. Bevan, in the House of Commons.

He said that though the decision appeared to remove many flats and houses from Government control, a furnished houses (rent restriction) bill, which would soon become law, would give tenants protection of appeal to tribunals.

The High Court's decision by Mr. Justice John Collins, held that provision by a landlord of refrigerator, larder, kitchen cabinet and fitted bathroom, cabinet and mirror, rendered the flat "furnished" and exempted it from control under the Rent Restriction Acts.

Mr. Bevan's statement implies, an expert said today, that if landlords took advantage of a court decision and raised rents for this type of flat, the tenants would be able to apply to tribunals for reduction of rent to be restored. — Reuter.

FRENCH ATTACK CHINESE

CHANGKING, MAR. 14. In defiance of the Chinese-French treaty, French troops made a surprise attack on Chinese forces at a town on the Mekong River, according to the Chinese Central News Agency.

The Agency reported: "In face of stiff opposition, the French retreated to their original position. This is the second French attack within eight days." — Reuter.

WORLD GOVERNMENT "UNWORKABLE"

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tein's design could function would be if it exercised "complete control over the armaments of each constituent state and unless every nation was willing to open up every inch of its territory and every one of its laboratories and factories to continuing international inspection." Also subject to such mandatory scrutiny, he said, would be every governmental process including conduct of foreign and internal affairs and finances.

Pleading the case of the U.N.O. Welles said: "No government and few individuals will regard the charter of the United Nations as satisfactory. The vast majority, however,

STALIN CRITICISED

Not Language Of Statesman

Soviet Conduct Alarming

P.O.Ws. Shot

PARIS, MARCH 14. Four of 11 German prisoners-of-war, who escaped from Dunkirk two nights ago, were shot dead when the party tried to evade a British torpedo boat off the English coast today. The other seven were recaptured. — Reuter.

"SUZIE" IS IN GAOL NOW

TOKYO, MAR. 14. Akiyoshi Tajima, called "Suzie," the girl, "She" and "The Lady" by Allied prisoners of war at the Hirohata prison camp near Osaka, was today charged by Allied Headquarters legal section with beating prisoners, uncourteous, reviling them by immersing in cold water tubs and then forcing them to stand or kneel down out of doors in the coldest weather. Associated Press.

Extrality Renounced

LONDON, MAR. 14. The Swiss Radio reports that Switzerland has renounced extraterritorial rights in China by an agreement signed in Bern yesterday by the Chinese Ambassador to Switzerland and the head of the Swiss Political Department. — Reuter.

Suggested Nation Of Arabs And Jews

JERUSALEM, MAR. 14. THE FORMATION OF A NATION OF JEWS AND ARABS IN PALESTINE WAS PROPOSED IN A MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE JEWISH POLITICAL ORGANISATION TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON PALESTINE. IT WAS DESCRIBED AS A SMALL POLITICAL INDEPENDENT GROUP OF JEWISH INTELLIGENTS.

A major point in the Ihud memorandum was the assertion that the immigration of 100,000 Jewish refugees be made possible without delay.

Ihud said that the first step in settling the Palestine problem would be the continuation of the present mandatory regime, to be followed by a period of trusteeship under the United Nations. The third step would be the formation of a bi-national Palestine as a self-governing unit within a larger regional unit.

The Ihud case presupposed that both Arabs and Jews alike would make concessions, the Jews conceding deprivation of a chance to form a Jewish state and Arabs agreeing to the loss of their sovereign independence.

BRITISH PARTICIPATION

"The only safeguard for the minority is in equality within the Majority Party in a multinational country as the only just relationship between the peoples," the memorandum stated. The Soviet Union was given as an example of a multinational state.

The appointment of Jews and Arabs in equal numbers to the Government's executive council was proposed, as was the establishment of a regional trusteeship body which would be composed of representatives of the administering authority, the Jewish Agency and the Arab League.

Ihud proposed that the administering body should be "Christian power, doubtless Britain, and thus will be representative of the Christian world. The deep interests of the Christian world in the Holy Land cannot be minimised." Associated Press.

Ihud possess the firm hope that, if peace can be maintained during the first years of transition after the war, the United Nations' charter can gradually become more nearly a federal government of the world and more truly an agency of international democracy. — Associated Press.

LONDON, MARCH 14. OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM OF STALIN'S COMBAT ON MR. CHURCHILL'S FULTON SPEECH IS MADE IN EDITORIALS IN TWO CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPERS, THE "DAILY MAIL" AND THE "DAILY SKETCH" IN THE LATE EVENING EDITIONS TODAY.

THE "DAILY MAIL" SAYS: "MARSHAL STALIN'S PERSONAL ABUSE OF MR. CHURCHILL LAST NIGHT WILL BE DEPLORED AND REGRETTED. THIS IS NOT THE LANGUAGE OF A STATESMAN. SUCH WORDS CAN ONLY REFLECT THE MAN WHO UTTERS THEM."

"His statement on the present international crisis explains but cannot excuse the world-wide tension brought about by Russian power politics and aggression against his neighbours. Her conduct is alarmingly comparable with events preceding the recent war. In Persia particularly, it is a deplorable throwback to the period of 1938-1939."

"Comparisons between the situation of Czechoslovakia then and Persia now is inevitable. If there is a difference, it is that the peace has come faster," the "Daily Mail" continues.

"In some ways, the actions of Russia are much more blatant than those of pre-war Germany. Hitler promised to observe the frontiers agreed at Munich but six months later he marched into Bohemia and Moravia."

"Russia promised to withdraw her troops from Persia."

"Who is likely to attack Russia? That country, like Germany, has many from 1933 onwards, threatens world peace at many points but is herself threatened by no one," the "Daily Mail" adds.

"To secure herself Russia need only to keep faith with the United Nations. Her policy of expansion betrays unmistakable indifference to the purposes of the U.N.O. If it continues, the U.N.O. will be wrecked before its work has well begun. The present crisis can be peacefully settled only by the U.N.O., strengthened if need be by closer understanding between Britain and America."

"There is talk of another Big Three meeting. If such a con-

No Comment

NEW YORK, MARCH 14. After studying Reuter's report on Marshal Stalin's interview tonight, Mr. Churchill said he would make no comment. — Reuter.

ference were to halt Russia's imperialistic course, it would be invaluable. But if it were to become merely another Munich our hopes of future peace would be dismissed. "The Anglo-American-Russian combination which defeated Hitler is surely not so bankrupt of statesmanship that it cannot also defeat its own mutual fears and suspicions."

GREATEST SKILL NECESSARY

The "Daily Sketch" says: "The greatest skill of British diplomacy and all moral pressure of the U.N.O. is necessary to avoid another world upheaval and unfortunately Stalin's attack on Churchill did nothing to ease the situation."

"Stalin's report is 'unjust and violent in character, and loses sight of the fact that abuse is no effective answer to the vital points raised in the Fulton speech,' the 'Daily Sketch' declared.

"His comparison of our war leader with Hitler is, to say the least, fantastic and unworthy of the man who sits by side with Churchill was one of the three great architects of victory against Hitler."

"We fought the last great war against the principles of dictatorship and so-called Fascism. The present rule of the Soviet is tending towards dictatorship more ably and more autocratic than any of those Fascist regimes we have succeeded in suppressing."

FRANKNESS

"Let us not be afraid of speaking to the Russians with the same degree of fearlessness and frankness as they displayed towards us. Do not let us underestimate our own capacity to control the situation or overestimate the Russian strength in the enforcement of her ambitions. It is in that spirit of frankness and friendliness that we draw attention to the tripartite treaty of alliance dated February 29, 1942 between Iran, Britain and the Soviet Union and the Tehran declaration of December 1, 1945."

"The Soviet Union undertook to respect the territorial integrity and political independence of Iran. Even her most ardent and fervent sympathisers in this country will agree that she must do so."

Reuter.

MOORING CABLE STOLEN

There were a number of extremely red faces on the s.s. "Samvank" yesterday when it was found that, sometime between midnight and 4 a.m., someone had walked off with one of the ship's mooring cables.

The ship was lying alongside Mackie's wharf, and shortly before dawn it was discovered that one of the lines actually mooring her to the wharf, and consisting of a hundred feet of 8-inch cable, had vanished into thin air.

Helicopter Postmen

LONDON, MARCH 14. Helicopters may be used by the General Post Office in an effort to provide better internal post than ever before, Lord Listowel, Postmaster-General, stated in the House of Commons. He also announced that for the first time night flying aircraft are to be used in inland postal services.

They will provide long-distance services between England and Belfast and Dublin, and between London, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Plans are for this new service to be in operation by April 1, 1947. Aircraft will also link cross-country areas which at present take many hours by ground travel, providing high-speed night services between Carlisle and Bristol, Newcastle and Bristol, Peterborough and Bristol, Norwich and Birmingham and York and Crewe.

In some areas where airfields are some distance from towns it may be necessary to use helicopters which can land in small spaces.

As the first step in speeding internal mail deliveries, the Postmaster-General is restoring in May seven travelling post-offices on long distance trains. — Reuter.

ROAD ACCIDENT

Ramechand Dah, of the Signal Corps, was admitted to the Bowen Road Hospital yesterday afternoon in a serious condition as the result of injuries sustained when the motor cycle he was riding collided with a jeep driven by an American naval rating from U.S.S. Los Angeles near Western Street.

The driver of the jeep was not injured.

Question Of Help For Europe In 1947

WASHINGTON, MAR. 14. WHETHER TO EXTEND EUROPEAN RELIEF ACTIVITIES INTO 1947 WILL BE A MAJOR CONSIDERATION OF U.N.R.R.A. DELEGATES FROM 47 COUNTRIES WHEN THEY MEET IN ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, TO-MORROW.

Greeks and representatives of other Balkan nations receiving large scale of U.N.R.R.A. aid, have disclosed that they intend to tell the conference what will happen in their countries if U.N.R.R.A. aid is stopped.

U.N.R.R.A.'s funds are scheduled to be completely used by the end of March 1947 and, moreover, current plans call for all relief expenditures in the first three months of 1947 to go to Far Eastern countries, especially China.

The Balkan delegates can be expected to ask for at least modified help during the next year, arguing that the current acute food shortage was not as evident, as at present, when the original decision to end U.N.R.R.A. assistance was made.

A solution to the problem may be delayed until the U.N.R.R.A. meeting in November, as the possibility of a third contribution by U.N.R.R.A. members has been avoided at U.N.R.R.A. Headquarters presumably because the United States Congress would not be very pleased by the prospect of appropriating \$1,350,000,000 for the third consecutive year.

It is possible that the question may be referred to the United Nations Assembly if a solution does not arise in the Atlantic City meeting.

It is considered possible that the International Bank may be well enough organized to make food and rehabilitation loans by the end of 1946, but this depends upon the speed with which the 35 nations now meeting at Savannah, Georgia organize the twin bank and fund. — Associated Press.

HIROSHIMA COMING BACK TO LIFE

HIROSHIMA, MAR. 14. HIROSHIMA, NEARLY CONSUMED IN THE HOLOCAUST OF THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB LAST AUGUST 6, IS BEING RESTORED. SLOWLY THOSE WHO ESCAPED THAT SEARING BLAST ARE BEGINNING TO EDGE BACK INTO THE RAVAGED AREAS OF THIS ONCE BUSTLING CITY OF NEARLY 400,000.

SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR EACH DAY HAS SEEN SOME FAMILY START REBUILDING A BAMBOO, WOOD AND PLASTER DWELLING ON THE SITE OF ITS FORMER HOME.

The desolation caused when the atomic bomb destroyed 60 per cent of Hiroshima's 6.9 square miles of built-up area gradually is changing.

Most of the persons burned in the explosion have recovered or died, Col. John R. Hall, Jr., 10th corps surgeon, reports. He estimated that 47,000 were killed outright, 15,000 to 17,000 are missing and about 60,000 have died since the bombing from various contributing causes.

The survivors long ago lost their fear of the demolished region. They dreaded it at first because they didn't understand what had happened to them and their missing relatives.

What formerly were the principal streets have been cleared of debris and over them all day winds a slow procession of street cars, a few automobiles and many handcars carrying people living in the hills while they rebuild their shattered homes.

First, a marker is erected on the site, telling others someone in the family is still alive and planning to erect a new dwelling.

GROTESQUE REMINDERS Before work begins a garden is started in the front yard. Most appear to be growing well. Weeds and wild grasses are growing between heaps of rubble, apparently thriving in the burned and blackened soil.

However, bushes and trees killed by the bomb still stand like grotesque, gnarled fingers bending backward from the epicentre of the burst, and show no signs of life.

The return to the city started on the perimeter of the burned area and is creeping inward. Many families have restring makeshift power lines to their new homes and electric lights burn weakly here and there at night. One group uses an electric.

strict hot plate for warmth while eating supper. Music from Japanese records played on an old mechanical phonograph produces a weird effect.

By day the sounds of hammering come from all directions. Workers halt their rebuilding around noon only long enough to eat cold rice cereal.

Two large buildings have been cleared of rubble and are being renovated. The city administration is once more operating from the burned out city hall with officials using boxes for desks.

NO ANIMOSITY Mayor Hiroko Kihara said the city is planning to rebuild with money raised by bond issues and increased taxation. The greatest difficulty, he said, is the lack of materials, which must be imported.

"In spite of hardships we are determined to rebuild a city larger than before," Kihara declared. "We earnestly beg Allied Authorities to give necessary aid as much as possible in point of funds and materials."

Officials of the "Chungoku News," morning newspaper whose plant was burned beyond recognition out which is publishing on a small, imported press, said residents of the city have great respect for the nation which developed the atomic bomb and hold no animosity toward the Americans despite the fact nearly every survivor lost at least one relative. — Associated Press.

FIST FIGHT IN TOKYO

TOKYO, MAR. 14. American M.P.'s broke up a fist fight between Japanese police and citizens in the office of the Tokyo Governor yesterday, said the Japanese press.

The scuffle began when police attempted to eject members of the "Tokyo people's food control council" who visited the governor to demand public control of fish distribution.

The "Asahi" published pictures of police and civilians in the melee. Its stories said that none was arrested and failed to state whether any was injured. The "Asahi" reported the disturbance started around noon and that American M.P.'s arriving an hour later "finally quelled" it. — Associated Press.

RADIO

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th 1946.

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12.32 p.m.—The Six Swingers. 12.45 p.m.—"Services Music Box"—ENSA.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Patricia Roseborough (Piano) & Sydney Torch (Organ).

1.30 p.m.—The Music of Rudolf Friml. 2.00 p.m.—Close Down. 6.30 p.m.—Woody Herman and His Orchestra and Tony Martin (Vocal).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 7.15 p.m.—The Andrews Sisters and The Mills Brothers.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—"Mariners" Dance Orchestra—Leader: Buzz Trueman.

8.00 p.m.—"Torch Request Hour". 8.05 p.m.—London Relay—News. 9.05 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

9.30 p.m.—Mark Weber's Orchestra and Evelyn Laye (Soprano). 10.00 p.m.—Some George Gershwin Compositions.

10.30 p.m.—Columbia Light Opera Company. 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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